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#### **Mascot: TRUNKY**

In a land woven with tales of valor and grace, where the spirit of heritage breathes in every grain of soil, there exists a symbol that stands tall, noble, and revered—the mighty elephant. And now, meet Trunky, our cherished mascot for the FISU World University Championship in Shooting Sport. Trunky is not just a mascot; he is a bridge between India's ancient legacy and the modern spirit of competition.

In our history, elephants have been far more than creatures; they've been majestic warriors, sacred protectors, royal companions. Picture the grandeur of royal courts, the thunderous procession as mighty elephants led kings to battle, their trunks raised in silent strength. Their presence symbolized power, resilience, and unwavering focus. Trunky embodies that very spirit—honoring centuries of noble tradition where precision and honor were not just skills but ways of life.



From the time of archers in royal courts to the skilled shooters of today, the art of aiming the target has traveled down generations. It was never just about the hunt or the target; it was about discipline, respect, mastery. Trunky reminds us of these timeless values, whispering the tales of those who, with steady hands and steady hearts, aimed not only to survive but to bring honor to their names, their families, and their lands.

In temples across India, elephants stand as guardians at the gates, revered for their wisdom, strength, and purity. Trunky brings this sense of guardianship to the field. To each athlete, he is a silent companion, a symbol of support and positivity, reminding them that in their journey of competition, they are never alone. He stands as a protector, guiding them to strive with honesty, respect and a positive spirit.

Elephants' role in India's festivals is well known—whether adorned in vibrant fabrics during Kerala's Thrissur Pooram or leading processions in Jaipur's royal celebrations. Trunky channels this festive spirit, reminding us that competition, too, is a celebration of human endeavor, of camaraderie, and of the joy found in every stride toward excellence.

Trunky serves as a beacon of encouragement, inviting everyone to learn from one another, share experiences, and grow together in the spirit of competition. As we host this remarkable event, Trunky stands as a powerful reminder that, like the elephant, we can achieve great heights when we celebrate our diversity and work together towards a common goal.

Let the games begin, guided by the spirit of Trunky!



# Shoot for Glory at the heart of India



In a land where heritage meets hustle, India is beyond pumped to host the FISU Shooting Championship 2024! Here, ancient traditions blend with today's unstoppable spirit, creating a backdrop as vibrant as our colors and as timeless as our culture. Get ready for a showdown of skill, precision, and world-class sportsmanship!

India's grounds pulse with centuries-old stories, from the might of warriors to the art of archery, and each shot here echoes that legacy. Every aim is a leap toward glory, every shot tells a tale of resilience, and every victory becomes part of a rich tapestry of tradition and pride. This is where champs are crowned, legends are born, and the buzz of sportsmanship fills the air.

Whether you're taking your shot on the range or cheering from the sidelines, the thrill is unmatched. India's vibrancy, unity, and unstoppable energy set the stage for a truly unforgettable event. Let's make it epic at the FISU Shooting Championship 2024!



#### 250 University Shooting Athletes from 23 Countries Arrive

Excitement is in the air as athletes from around the world touch down at the airport, ready to compete in the FISU World University Shooting Championship.

Teams from 23 nations have arrived, each bringing incredible talent and determination. Their journey begins as they aim for precision and excellence on the global stage, with hearts set on victory.





# Free Training for Competitions Begin

The moment we'd all been waiting for arrived—free training for the FISU World Shooting Championship had begun!

Athletes stepped up to showcase their skills, focus, and precision as they aimed for top spots in Pistol, Rifle & Shotgun competitions.







# Official Training before the D-Day

The official training just before the big day gave athletes the final push they needed! Every athlete was focused and determined, aiming to seize the medal and make their mark at the FISU World Shooting Championship. Witness the hard work in action.







#### **Opening Ceremony of FISU World University Championship**



The grand opening ceremony of FISU World University Championship hosted by the host university, Manav Rachna International Institute of Research and Studies under a starry night and aegis of the Association of Indian Universities (AIU). Dr. Amit Bhalla, President of the Organizing Committee, FISU WUCS and Vice President of MREI, Dr. (Mrs.) Pankaj Mittal, Secretary General of AIU, and Mr. Marian Dymalski, Vice President of FISU were there to honor the ceremony. Chief Guest Sh. Gaurav Gautam, Honorable Minister of State for Youth Empowerment & Entrepreneurship (IC), Sports (IC), Law & Legislative Department, Government of Haryana, and Guest of Honour Smt. Sujata Chaturvedi, IAS, Secretary of Sports, Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports, Government of India, graced the opening ceremony.





FISU World University Championship Shooting Sport was observed for the first time in India, showcasing global university-level sports, being supported by the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports (MYOS) - India, Ministry of Education - India, Sports Authority of India (SAI), and the National Rifle Association of India (NRAI), marking a significant milestone in international university-level sports. A vibrant display, with athletes carrying their national flags, followed by cultural performances celebrating India's heritage were witnessed in the event. A formal athletes' pledge by Mr. Marian Dymalski, Vice President of FISU, underscored the values of integrity and sportsmanship, setting the tone for the competitions ahead.



Diversity was felt live as 200 university athletes from 23 countries were spotted where various shooting disciplines were showcased, reflecting a strong collaboration between academia and sport. The ambiance was electric, pulsating with the youthful energy and enthusiasm that characterized the sporting event.





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A heartfelt thank you to our sponsors for their steadfast support of the FISU World University Championship Shooting! Your commitment empowers each athlete to aim higher and reach their targets, ensuring the championship stays on course for excellence. Together, we're perfectly aligned for success!

